

Items for the Daily Log - 22 June 1953

Legislative Counsel

* 1. In response to a request from Mr. Sprankle, Chief of the House Appropriations Committee Staff, I have informed Chairman Taber of the CIA obligations for April and May 1953.

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3. Mr. Roy James, Assistant to Senator Watkins, informs me that the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to take up no controversial measures prior to the Fourth of July. This indefinitely postpones action on S. 1917, the President's bill to admit an additional 240,000 refugees, and may cancel the hearing scheduled for 26 June, when Mr. Houston is to appear. Senator Watkins is fighting this proposal which he feels is a political slap at the Administration.

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* 5. Note is made of H. Res. 217 to create a special committee to investigate educational and philanthropic foundations and other comparable organizations, especially to determine whether such tax exempt organizations are utilizing their resources for subversive activities, political purposes, propaganda, or attempts to influence legislation. This resolution is presently being bottled up by Speaker Martin until he is assured that it will not be a general witch hunt. I am informed that one of Congressman Reece's prime targets will be the [REDACTED]

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7. Note was taken of Walter Winchell's broadcast of 21 June, in which he stated that there was to be a Congressional investigation of CIA.